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In commemoration of its 40th anniversary Government appraises the existence of *Famia Planea*, foundation presents a book titled “Dono di Curpa”

ORANJESTAD, Recently, Famia Planea, the foundation in charge of family planning, celebrated its 40th anniversary. To commemorate this important day, the foundation presented a book to all the schools on Aruba, thru the sponsorship of Aruba Way Foundation.

Minister of Economic Affairs, Social Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar elaborated on the importance of a foundation like Famia Planea in our society. The government really appraises the foundation's existence and promised to work hard to gain a more primary role in the prevention of youth pregnancy.

During the ceremony, the foundation presented a book, written by Desiree Corea, titled “Dono di Curpa,” - Owner of one's body. The book is a novel about sex and auto esteem. Illustration of the book is by Alex Flores, correction by Marlon van der Linde and graphic design by Shelia Werleman. The book is a dedication to Gina Ramires.

The book was christened in a very special way. Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar joined with Minister of Health and Sports Richard Visser and the employees of the foundation burst a balloon simultaneously with the invited guests. This as a symbol of condom breakage.



Heather D. Shakes shops in a one minute record at Johnson's Supermarket



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US allies, Iran savage WikiLeaks for secrets release

PARIS, France (AFP) - Friend and foe alike of the United States turned on WikiLeaks yesterday over its release of secret US diplomatic cables, saying the revelations undermined diplomacy and made the world less secure.

"This will weaken diplomacy around the world. It will weaken diplomacy in general, but first and foremost American diplomacy," Sweden's Foreign Minister Carl Bildt said after the mass release. "I see this rather as something that is making the world less safe," he said.

Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, object of much of the diplomatic discussion revealed by the WikiLeaks website, dismissed the documents as "worthless mischief" which would not affect relations with its Arab neighbours, exposed as having pressed for a US military strike on its nuclear sites.

Afghanistan said its ties



Wikileaks founder Julian Assange

with Washington would not be shaken by portrayals of President Hamid Karzai as an "extremely weak" and paranoid leader and his brother as a corrupt drugs baron.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told US allies she "deeply regretted" the release of the cables. "This disclosure is not just an attack on America's foreign policy interests. It is an attack on the international community," Clinton said, following talks with Turkey's foreign minister.

Ahmet Davutoglu -- whose visit coincided with the release of the cables, one of which had Washington wondering if it could count on Turkey to contain Iran -- stressed the "strategic relationship" between their countries. "And we will follow the same principled foreign policy to achieve regional and global peace in coordination with the American administration," he said.

Close US allies Britain, France and Germany brushed aside disparaging personal remarks about their leaders contained in the cables. One example referred to President Nicolas Sarkozy as "thin-skinned and authoritarian."

France however condemned the leaks as "irresponsible" and "an attack on states' sovereignty."

Britain slammed the release as damaging to national security, but said it would continue to work closely with Washing-

ton.

British newspaper The Guardian, one of several media outlets that began publishing the documents, said upcoming memos give "embarrassing" US views of Prime Minister David Cameron and "weak" ex-leader Gordon Brown.

"A few gossip comments about European politicians are not exactly welcome but they are not really important. But in other cases, people's lives could be put at risk," German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle told reporters.

Israel, which has long waged a diplomatic war on Tehran, said the cables merely proved its concerns about a nuclear Iran were shared across the Arab world.

The documents showed that Saudi Arabia had repeatedly urged a US military strike to thwart Iran's nuclear ambitions.

In Saudi Arabia, foreign ministry spokesman Osama Nugali told AFP that "these documents do not concern the kingdom... Nor is it aware of their authenticity. Therefore Saudi Arabia cannot comment on them."

Russia also played down being called "a virtual mafia state" where all the decision-making is done by "alpha dog" Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and not President Dmitry Medvedev, described "Robin to Putin's Batman."

"Our own diplomats are sometimes just as open in their own private messages to each other," a Kremlin official told the Kommersant business daily.

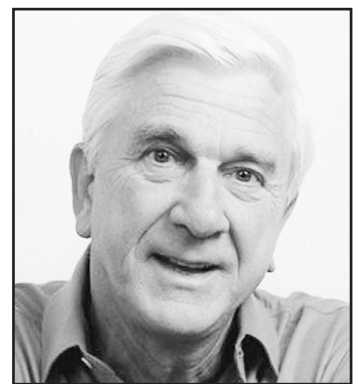
Experts said the leaks would likely change the way diplomats worked.

"The scale of the leaks is impressive, and we can't help but ask whether that will change way diplomats write their telegrams in future," said Pascal Boniface, of the Institute of Strategic and International Relations.

Veteran comic actor Leslie Nielsen dead at 84

MONTREAL, Canada (AFP) - The white-haired doctor in the 1980 hit "Airplane!" has taken his last flight, but Canadian-born actor Leslie Nielsen, who died on Sunday at the age of 84, will continue to make comedy fans laugh. Nielsen was hospitalized in Florida for 12 days for pulmonary illness. His condition worsened suddenly on the weekend.

Sunday afternoon, "with his friends and his wife by his side, he just fell asleep and



passed away," his nephew Doug Nielsen said

Dominican teen wins prize for child registration push

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - Sixteen-year-old Francia Simon from the Dominican Republic won the International Children's Peace Prize yesterday after campaigning for better access to health care and education.

"You are the flag for thousands of children in the world," said Guatemalan 1992 Nobel Peace laureate Rigoberta Menchu Tum during the award ceremony.

Simon, who lives in a sugar plantation community, won the award for helping 136 children obtain birth certificates, without which it is impossible to access health care and education in the Caribbean nation.

The International Children's Peace Prize, awarded by the Dutch foundation KidsRight, includes a donation of 100,000 euros (132,000 dollars) to projects connected with the winner's activities.

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'Obrigado' for fantastic workshop for AWD chefs from Dutch Werner Zuurman



The terrific Portuguese kitchen, with its infinite, subtle uses of herbs and spices, was the focus of a special workshop, organized this past week at Chino Latino restaurant in The Village. It showcased in particular the 'Arroz de

Marisco,' as this traditional seafood dish with rice in a home-made bouillon would be perfect for the island of Aruba, where fish and sea food are favorites.

Fourteen chefs and kitchen staffers of Aruba Wine And Dine (AWD) attended the workshop, which was taught by Werner Zuurman from the Netherlands; he is the owner of a well-known Mediterranean restaurant named Caracol. Various cooking techniques were shown and taught and the road towards a sensationally tasty experience was traversed step by step.

It was not all work and no play for the participants of the workshop: no, they got to taste their own Arroz de Marisco afterwards and they raised their glasses, sampling two different wines. When the ice was well and truly broken, an exchange of the chefs' personal top kitchen secrets took place.



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Pointers to Ponder Three Things to Do When Your Life Falls Apart

The circumstances of life often drive people up the wall! Things happen to us that seem too overwhelming and unbearable and we try to cope, but often some of us become overcome by them, and we may even go over the deep end. The big question is, how should we cope, how should we respond to those overwhelming circumstances when they present? There are three things you should do when your life falls apart, only three:

Firstly, be persistent no matter what...determine to press on to a better tomorrow!

Wolfgang van Goethe made this remarkable observation when he said; "First, you must become persistent. Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence.

Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'press on' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race."

Persistence is the spiritual grace that allows you to continue to act with optimism even when you feel the bottom has fallen out from under you. You must continue on, no matter how dreadful and dreary your present may seem. You must continue trudging forward until the dreadful present you're scared will go on forever is replaced by a future that has a shining light of sunshine.

Persistence is intention embodied, repeatedly, in action. You don't cease to act and sit and sulk and wait for an ultimate doom. No, you move forward. You see some-

thing through the gloom that is different from your present situation, and you know that when it happens it will be marvelous.

Secondly, you must be persistent. Yep....persistence is one of the three keys to get you out of that dark hole. Somewhere in the distance, your future is holding out its arms to meet you, ready to bring you whatever you've had the courage to ask for but didn't get yet. Those things that you have been longing for, those days of peace and satisfaction, those nights of restful sleep you have been craving, are held in trust for you. But you must keep on keeping on... moving forward. You will find open arms waiting to help you create the next chapter of your life. Stop whining and complaining, no more passivity, fearfulness and resentment! Get up and move forward with an open heart, open mind with expectancy for a great and colorful tomorrow. I am not advocating that you create some fantasy, no this is reality, this is no joke, this is reality. If you look up and ahead and keep moving you will encounter a new road of opportunities!

The future always comes toward us in exactly the spirit in which we approach it - with open hands and an open heart, or with a defeated soul.

Thirdly, determine, no matter what to be persistent. The decision to be persistent is a most wise decision. You decide to persist because you choose to be bold, to be courageous, and to use all the faculties you have to reach for a new tomorrow. The power of persistence is required especially when you're dealing with intense, emotionally devastating circumstances that have stacked up on you all at once. Maybe

one of those circumstances is a broken relationship you thought could never go wrong, but did, or that horrifying medical report from your doctor, or the sudden death of a loved one. It is in those times you need to persist and thread forward no matter the situation. Persistence is not easy; it takes guts to go on when everything seems to be crumbling around or in you.

The English calls it 'stick-to-itiveness. It is the determination to repeat and repeat and repeat until you've achieved the desired effect. You do not give up, you keep on keeping on!

Nelson Mandela who spent 27 years in solitary confinement in a South African prison was asked after his release, what was the one thing that kept him alive in those years. He responded..."I kept hoping I would be released today, everyday!" In this sense, persistence is visionary, expectant. It is a journey resplendent with hope. You stop feeling like a victim, you feel like a person of action. You know down deep in the recesses of your heart that your persistence will soon be rewarded with rejoicing! You may or may not be religious, but I must hasten to say in closing that no persistence is effective without a personal trust in the God of the universe; He will give you the unction to persist, the depth of knowledge to know how to move forward and the power to overcome all obstacles. Three things to do when your life falls apart: Persist, Persist, Persist...and trust God to see you through the dark clouds into the sunshine of your future!

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Wikileaks memo confirms US nuclear weapons are in Holland

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands -- A memo from the US ambassador to Germany which has been placed online by Wikileaks appears to confirm that US nuclear weapons are kept on Dutch soil.

In a discussion about the withdrawal of US weapons from Europe, the memo states: 'a withdrawal of nuclear

weapons from Germany and perhaps from Belgium and the Netherlands could make it very difficult politically for Turkey to maintain its own stockpile.'

It was written by US ambassador Philip Murphy in November 2009.

The government has never confirmed that nuclear weapons

are kept on Dutch soil.

Socialist Party MP Harry van Bommel called on the government to now stop being so secretive and admit to their presence.

According to reports, Wikileaks has 3,021 memos sent by the US embassy in The Hague but these have not yet been published.

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Aruba Animal Shelter fundraising day brings smiles despite steady showers



Shelter volunteers



Grey skies did not dampen the mood of volunteers or supporters of the Aruba Animal Shelter in Wayaca during their annual fundraising event this past Sunday, November 28. People may have been huddles under canopies while they waited on a long line for the a barbecue lunch, but the mood was festive and they often occupied their time by playing with the adorable puppies up for adoption.

The Aruba Animal Shelter was established in 1986 by Joseph and Julie Horngard and was attached to the only veterinary clinic on the island at that time. An official branch of the government animal control department, it was located in Oranjestad in what is now the parking lot behind the bus terminal.

People who had not neutered their pets (and to this day, still do not) had lots of unwanted puppies and kittens, so they would drop them off at the animal control. Vet Assistant Yvonne Quandus-Hieroms was a driving force behind the establishment of the center, personally caring for the puppies and kittens 7 days per week until they found a home. Animal Shelter policy requires adoptive parents to neuter their new pet within established parameters, if they are too young to have been neutered already.

The current facility was opened along with the Wayaca Veterinary Clinic in 1996 and can house 16 adult

dogs, 15 adult cats, 15 puppies and 5 kittens who await a good home. It is staffed by volunteers and depends on donations to continue operation. The annual fundraising day is always well attended; it sports now a flea market, games, raffles of valuable prizes donated by various vendors, and usually a visit from Sinterklaas and his Swarte Pieten, who heartily approves of their important work. The shelter managed to save 342 dogs and 131 cats in the past year.

Aruba Animal Shelter is open Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Donations to support their work can be made to RBTB Bank # 32.45.179. For more information about the center and adopting a dog or cat, call 582-1623 or visit their website: <http://174.122.122.58/>

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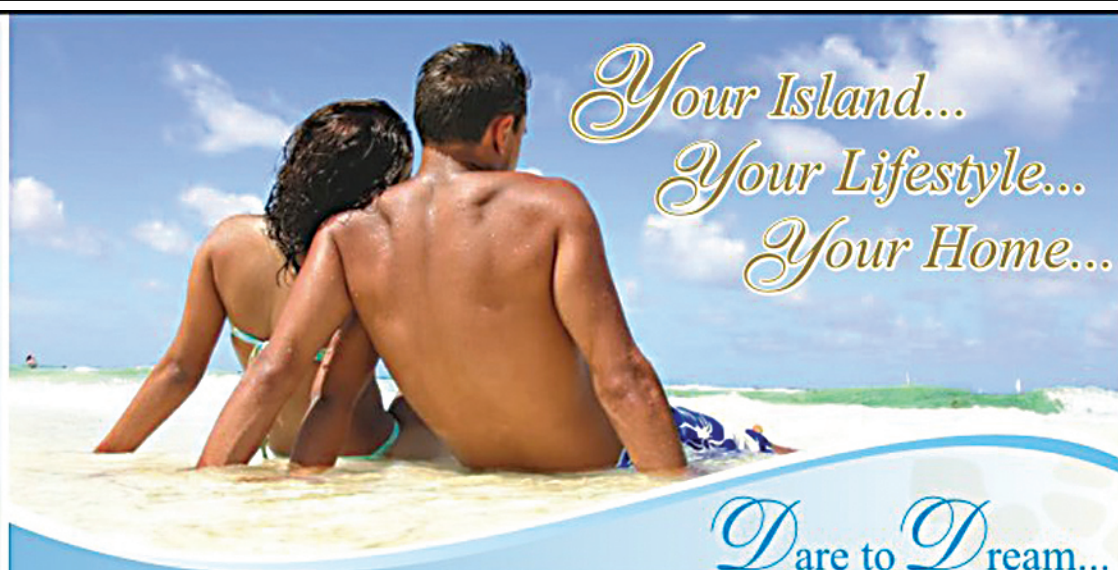


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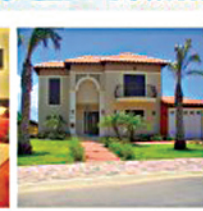
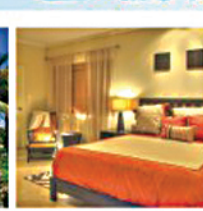
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La Salle College delivers project Good 4 the Neighborhood



Recently, La Salle College delivered its project Good 4 the Neighborhood. The students worked very hard on the project to deliver it on time. They state to be very happy that everything went according to

planned and for the opportunity to give back to the community. They also learned to know each other and the value of hard work. Now they are more determined to study. President of the Nephtalie

Park, Mr. Bibi Arends is very happy that the students chose the park for their project. Now the park is more accessible to the youth to spend a few relaxing moments with their family.

Aruba has no adequate entertainment for kids. With the help of the La Salle College students the second phase of the project is completed, but there are still five (5) phases to complete before the park is ready for visitors.

The project Good 4 the Neighborhood, sponsored by Aruba Bank, has helped immensely with the renovation work of the park. Management of the park is very happy that



the students had chosen the park as their project. They had the opportunity to personally know the students, their visions and how they feel towards the community.

The students practically

lived in the park for a week in order to carry out the hard labor.

Photos give an impression of the park after the renovation work

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Gibson Sues WowWee over Paper Jamz Guitars

Gibson Guitar Corp. has sued WowWee, the manufacturer of the Paper Jamz paper guitars, alleging that WowWee has deliberately infringed its trademarks.

Gibson also sued Amazon, K-Mart, and Target, among other retailers, arguing that those companies have contributed to the trademark infringement by continuing to sell the PaperJamz products. The suit also explicitly calls out eBay for failing to respond to and work with Gibson's preliminary inquiries.

The Paper Jamz guitars, which shipped this past summer, mimic the designs of actual Gibson guitars, according to the suit, which was filed in a federal court in California on Nov. 19. The suit seeks a temporary restraining order banning the sale of the infringing products.

According to the suit, WowWee made explicit comparisons between the Gibson guitars and its own products. "The designs of each Paper Jamz guitar are similar to a classic that is highly sought



after," the suit claims WowWee's Web site has stated. "For example, the Rock Style 6 guitar in Series 1 of Paper Jamz is made to resemble a Gibson SG while the Rock Style 1 is made to look like the famous Gibson Les Paul. You can choose from your favorite styles of guitar, with the styles ranging from the classic Fender Stratocaster the "Gibson Flying V" design."

In another example, Gibson claims that WowWee's Web site also featured a promotional video with a character that was unable to

distinguish between a Paper Jamz guitar and a real Gibson-manufactured instrument.

Furthermore, Gibson claimed that the WowWee Paper Jamz products would confuse consumers, given that Gibson also markets an electric guitar to teenagers and has licensed the Gibson Fender Stratocaster to the "Rock Band" series of video games.

The Paper Jamz guitars, though made of inexpensive cardboard, utilize some sophisticated technology. The electric guitar, which features three modes: Rhythm, Play and Freeplay, works a little like a real guitar. Air guitar moves won't work. Instead, you touch different points on the fret and actually strum over the guitar string image. Selling for \$24.99, the Paper Jamz guitar uses capacitive touch technology to recognize the user's input.

Wow Wee had not placed a response to the suit on its Web site; the company was not reachable over the week-end.

Scientists find way to partially reverse aging in mice

U.S. scientists say they have partially reversed age-related degeneration in mice, leading to new brain and testes growth, improved fertility and the return of lost cognitive function, or thinking skills.

The advance in aging science was achieved by working with telomerase genes in the mice, said the team at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

The researchers developed mice with a controllable telomerase gene. (Telomerase is an enzyme that helps maintain telomeres -- the protective "caps" on the ends of chromosomes.) As people age, low levels of telomerase lead to progressive erosion and shortening of the telomeres, resulting in physical and mental decline, the study authors explained in a news release from the institute.

Creating mice with a controllable telomerase switch enabled the scientists to create prematurely aged mice. The switch also enabled the team to determine that reactivating telomerase in the mice could restore telomeres and reduce the signs and symptoms of aging.

In addition, the mice did not show signs of cancer -- a key concern because cancer cells can use telomerase to make themselves virtually immortal. Researchers noted that this is an important area of study for future investigation.

In the future, it may be possible to use this approach to treat people with conditions such as rare genetic premature aging syndromes, in which shortened telomeres play an important role, said study senior author Dr. Ronald A. DePinho, director of Dana-Farber's Belfer Institute of Applied Cancer Science.

"Whether this would impact on normal aging is a more difficult question," he said in the news release. "But it is notable that telomere loss is associated with age-associated disorders and thus restoration of telomeres could alleviate such decline."

Health & Living

Minister Visser invites PAHO experts to the island Government concerned with the drastic increase of Dengue cases, asks the community to eliminate breeding grounds

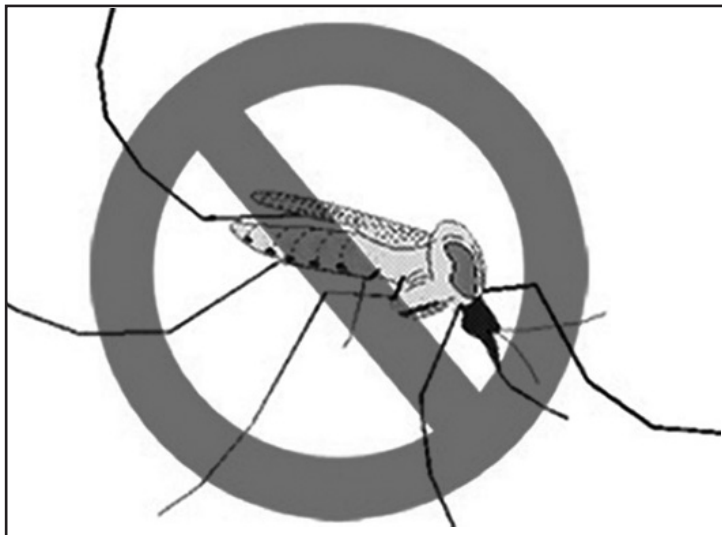
ORANJESTAD – Minister of Public Health and Sports, Richard Visser is conscious of the efforts and energy his ministry and the departments are doing to prevent Dengue. But the amount of rain this season is not helping.

Last Friday, Minister Visser, accompanied by Dr. Christian Frederickson PhD., gave a press conference on this matter. Dr. Frederickson is a Pan American Health organization (PAHO) expert who last month gave a course to the Department of Fight against Yellow Fever Mosquito. During this course he gave a lecture on how to tackle this problem more effectively.

Minister Visser expressed his satisfaction with the Dengue team on how, in spite of the rain, they managed to maintain the cases as low as possible. He appealed to the PAHO expert to visit our island once more to reinforce and modify the present plan into a new one to enable Aruba to prevent Dengue in the years to come. The goal is to improve the work done by the Dengue team, give guidance to the doctors on how to treat Dengue more effectively, and so avoid Dengue victims and fatalities.

Dr. Frederickson pointed out that this year was the worst year for Dengue cases in the American continent. There are at present 1.5 million Dengue cases, of which 37,000 were severe or hemorrhagic cases and 821 deaths. In the Caribbean there are at present 100,000 Dengue cases, of which approximately 1,000 cases are severe or hemorrhagic Dengue. But the fatalities are not high, only 25 until now.

Local expert on the fight against dengue, Dr. Wilmer Salazar pointed out that Dengue is a viral illness that is transmitted through a mosquito bite. The symptoms are high fever, combined with headache, eye ache, muscle ache, joints ache and sometimes with vomiting and diarrhoea. He explained that on



Aruba the situation is prime for Dengue because of the amount of rain of this season. He emphasized the importance for a person who display these symptoms combined with vomiting and dark colored diarrhoea, bleeding of the teeth or profuse menstrual bleeding, blue blotches and low blood pressure, to go immediately to the doctor. The last symptoms are important, because this denotes a hemorrhagic Dengue case.

Another PAHO expert giving assistance to Aruba is Dr. Washington Lum from Venezuela. Together with Dr. Frederickson they introduced a plan for next year called, Integrated Management Strategy. The plan consists of six (6) components to work on, such as social communication (more effective communication with the community); effective factor control; environment; patient care; and laboratory work. They are working very hard to finish the plan for early 2011. According to Dr. Lum, if Aruba achieves this, we will be stronger in the management of and the fight against Dengue.

Wilfrido Kelly of the Department of Fight against Yellow Fever Mosquito (GKMB) explained that on November 17 the department started with fumigation, but has not reached all the districts as yet. At present they are in Noord, and Santa Cruz

will follow. He made an appeal to the community to help fight Dengue. The GKMB can fumigate everywhere but without the help and cooperation of the community the breeding grounds cannot be eliminated. Fumigation eliminates adult mosquitoes, but not the larva which grows into adult mosquitos.

Maribel Tromp of the Department of Public Health pointed out that Aruba has not reached an epidemic level yet and with the cooperation of everyone this can be avoided. Although she must say there is an increase of 30% of notified Dengue cases per week, which she considers rather drastic. According to the data collected in the last 6 weeks, there are 538 laboratory notified cases of which 22 are confirmed Dengue cases.

The government kindly ask all doctors and specialist for their cooperation in notifying the Department of Public Health in time of suspected Dengue cases. Most of the time the department receives the notification late, when the lab already has the tests results. Clinical investigation shows that the situation is more severe than last year, because more than half of the Dengue patients already had it in the past. Consequently, there are more cases where patients have to be hospitalized. In a week time six (6) patients were hospitalized, practically one

patient per day. In more severe cases the patient had to be interned in the intensive care unit.

On the other hand the department said it is glad that the amount of cases has not exceeded those of the last years. At present there are more or less 80 notified cases per week, compared to 2008 when there were more than 400 notified cases per week.

Mrs. Latifa Mercera of the Department of Contagious Diseases appeals to everyone who has Dengue to stay in an airconditioned room. Put a

net around the bed, wear a long sleeve t-shirt top to avoid spreading. Most of the time a Dengue patient goes home and spreads the disease to the rest of the family and people in the surroundings. She also appealed to all travellers who return to Aruba with a fever to notify their house doctor immediately. At present Latin American countries have the type 4 Dengue, but not on Aruba, here we have the type 1, 2 and 3. We all must help avoid an epidemic, she concluded.

Women with breast cancer history should consider MRI: Study

Women who have had breast cancer should consider annual screening with breast MRI in addition to an annual mammogram, new research indicates.

Currently, the American Cancer Society recommends annual breast MRI plus mammography for women at very high risk for breast cancer, such as those with a known genetic mutation known as BRCA or those with a very strong family history. But it takes no position on MRI imaging for women who have had breast cancer, saying there is not enough evidence to recommend one way or the other.

Studying the effectiveness of MRI screening on all three groups of women, Dr. Wendy DeMartini, an assistant professor of radiology at the University of Washington Medical School, said MRI imaging found proportionally more cancers in women who had been treated for breast cancer than in the women considered at very high risk.

"Women in the personal history group [who had MRI] were also less likely to be recalled for additional testing, and less likely to have a biopsy for a false positive finding," she said.

For the study, DeMartini's team reviewed initial breast MRI exams of 1,026 women, conducted from January 2004 to June 2009. Of these, 327 had a genetic or family history; 646 had a personal history of breast cancer that had been treated.

Overall, the MRI detected 25 of 27 cancers, DeMartini

said. With the MRI screen, "we found cancer in just over 3 percent of women [with a personal history], which was double [that found in those with a genetic or family history]," she said.

However, still more research is needed to clarify the role of MRI in this population, she said.

"The findings are impressive," said Dr. Robert Smith, director of cancer screening for the American Cancer Society. While the society recommends neither for nor against MRI imaging for those with a personal history of breast cancer, he said it regularly reviews study findings to determine if the guidelines need updating.

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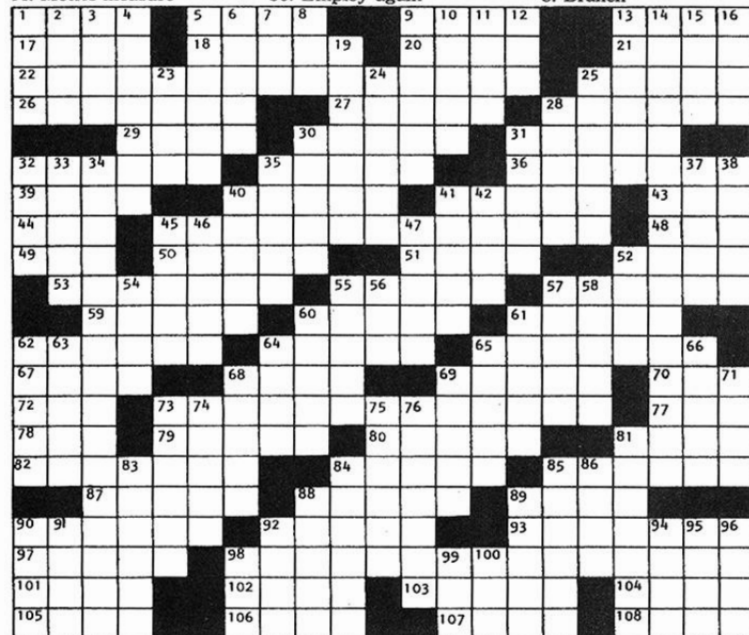
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1. File fixtures
5. Pro
9. Get-up-and-go: var.
13. ___ butter
17. Israeli port
18. Arab rulers
20. Nostril, of old
21. Pod contents
22. Inspiration for "Ode on a Grecian Urn"
25. Do combat
26. Ushers
27. Keep defenses
28. Evening party
29. Cultivates
30. Novelist John
31. Solar-lunar year gap
32. Powerful
35. Playground fixture
36. Stops
39. Actor Bert
40. Constructed
41. Molding edge
43. Grain
44. Metric measure
45. Hollywood nightspot
48. Govt. org.
49. Beak
50. Chest sounds
51. Units of work
52. Stake
53. "Beautiful ___"
55. Bed boards
57. Turning tools
59. Quechuan
60. Boss, in Africa
61. Aesop's output
62. Infuriate
64. Practices diligently
65. Pushcarts
67. Therefore
68. So-so grades
69. Hagar the Horrible's wife
70. Unclose, poetically
72. Blind impulse
73. Hopi hairstyle
77. Magnetism unit
78. ___ volente
79. Wounds
80. Employ again

81. Afflictions
82. "The horns of ___" (Tennyson)
84. Statesman Clay
85. Pamper
87. Certain drs.
88. Major or Minor
89. Style
90. Takes potshots
92. Hubris
93. New World
97. Sponsorship
98. Easygoing enjoyment
101. Warm, dry wind
102. Crucifix
103. Symbol
104. "___ She Lovely"
105. To be, to Pliny
106. ___ Domini
107. Claret toper
108. Philippine native

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1. Makes dentelle
2. Throb
3. La ___ Tar Pits
4. One doing a slow boil
5. Rue
6. Wrong
7. Can
8. Branch
9. Reveal
10. Mediterranean island
11. Exec. off.
12. Stag guests
13. Weave together
14. D.W. Griffith film
15. Comfort
16. Netman Arthur
19. What the ___!
23. Mr. Trotsky
24. "___ Morocco"
25. Rough
28. Posey
30. Gallimaufries
31. Makes bread
32. Design
33. Rowed
34. Melancholy Venetian span
35. Top-hole
37. Resort lake
38. Casual efforts
40. New Mexico town
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66. Enchantment
68. ___ and whey
69. "Dance of the ___"
71. Otherwise
73. Apportions
74. Certain South Africans
75. Starr of the comics
76. Mild
81. Momentum
83. Wolfish
84. Afro, e.g.
85. Masquerade wear
86. Dill
88. Antigone's uncle
89. Occupied
90. Ump's call
91. Modernists
92. Peasant
94. German river
95. Red coin
96. Movie dog
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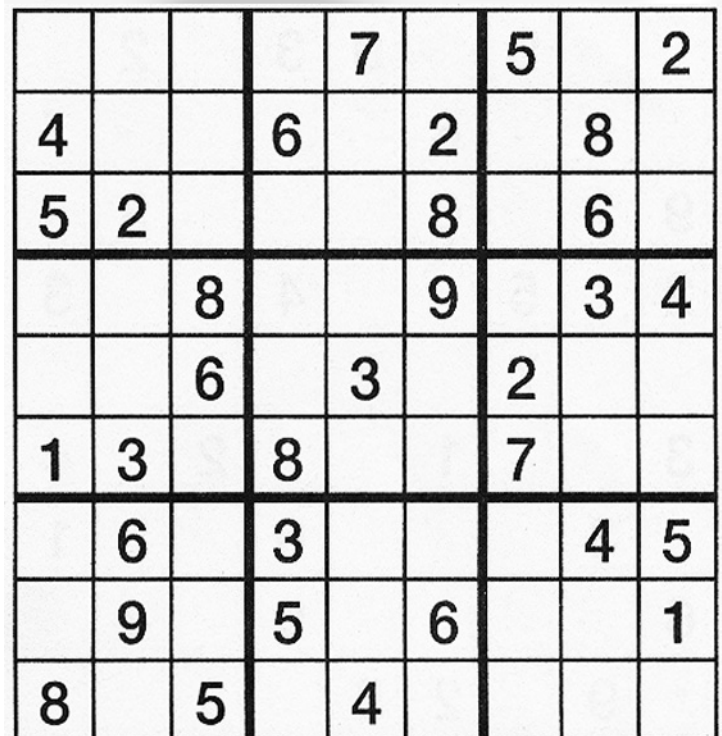
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Customers push their trolley through the parking lot outside a MAKRO megastore in Cape Town, South Africa. Makro is one of the main trading brands for South African wholesaler MassMart. Wal-Mart plans to buy a controlling stake in South African wholesaler Massmart for over \$2 billion after scaling back its offer for the company's entire stock. (AFP PHOTO)

Irish backlash hits Spain, EU warns of blow to growth

LONDON, England (AFP) - A bailout for Ireland and new rules on bonds investors cracked a backlash at Spain yesterday, pushing up interest rates as the EU warned that the eurozone debt crisis could crimp growth.

With the Irish public aghast at the rescue terms, described in The Irish Times as "the longest ransom note in history," and the European Union expressing "concern" at financial turmoil, markets turned again on Spain.

The senior strategist at BGC partners in London, Howard Wheeldon, said that the EU could help Portugal without difficulty.

"But when and if it comes to a debt market implosion in Spain, EU ministers would find that they have a situation on their hands that may well be beyond their ability to resolve by agreement."

He commented: "Are we witnessing the early stages of a breakdown of the euro and indeed, possibly the European Union as well?"

A senior partner of Goldman Sachs investment also said the strains of trying to run a monetary union without a fiscal union would likely eventually force a breakup of the single currency -- or ultimately lead to much tighter budget rules for all EU members.

"We won't get an answer for many years and we will waver

between them both but you will get greater evidence of (fiscal union)," Jim O'Neill, head of Goldman Sachs Asset Management, was quoted as saying in The Sunday Telegraph.

Spain says it is a totally different case from the two eurozone countries rescued so far, Greece and Ireland, and will not need a rescue.

The EU and IMF completed a rescue worth 85 billion euros (113 billion dollars) for Ireland on Sunday and also tried to douse uncertainty that has taken the eurozone debt crisis to ever higher levels in recent weeks.

New rules enabling governments to change the terms of borrowing agreements to ensure that investors take a "hair-cut" -- market slang for not getting back all of their investment -- would not take effect until after 2013 when current emergency funding expires.

But this, together with the Irish rescue, was seen by fund managers as posing as many new questions as it answered.

At Barclays Bourse in Paris, Franklin Pichard commented that "investors are waiting for a reply from Europe concerning the resolution of country systemic risk."

The new system would be activated case by case if a eurozone country got into financial difficulty and the country concerned would negotiate

new terms for repayments of its debt with private holders of its bonds.

Pichard said the market would not wait until 2013 and wanted immediate clarification.

Analysts at Goldman Sachs said that the announcements on Sunday marked an attempt to tackle the effects of the crisis but investors would remain focused on Portugal and Spain.

The rate Spain must pay to borrow for 10 years jumped to a record high of just under 5.46 percent at one stage, from 5.148 percent, and the difference over what eurozone benchmark Germany pays for 10 years widened again to near record levels of 2.70 percent, the biggest gap since 2002.

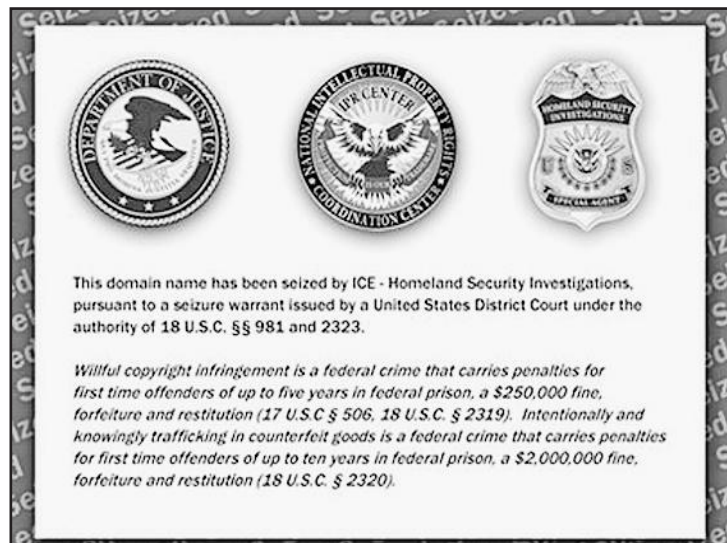
The yields on 10-year Portuguese bonds fluctuated around 7.0 percent, up from 6.690 percent on Friday.

Investors also pushed up the yield on Irish bonds back above 9.0 percent yesterday evening, from 8.877 percent late on Friday, indicating a lack of confidence in Dublin's ability to implement its austerity plans as well as uncertainly surrounding elements of the rescue package.

The euro fell to 1.3064 dollars its lowest point since September 21, while the main European stock markets posted sharp falls of over two percent points.

The European Commission warned yesterday that the turmoil over eurozone debt is now a threat to growth, which will slow next year to 1.5 percent from 1.7 percent this year.

US shuts down 82 counterfeit goods, music sites



This framegrab shows the message posted by US authorities on the entry page of some 82 websites selling mostly Chinese-made counterfeit goods.

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US authorities announced yesterday the shutdown of 82 websites selling mostly Chinese-made counterfeit goods, including golf clubs, Walt Disney movies, handbags and other items.

The court-ordered seizure of the domain names of the online retailers was the second phase of a crackdown dubbed "Operation In Our Sites" that began in June with the closure of nine websites offering pirated movies.

"The sale of counterfeit US brands on the Internet steals the creative work of others, costs our economy

jobs and revenue and can threaten the health and safety of American consumers," said John Morton, director of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency.

"We are dedicated to protecting the jobs, the income and the tax revenue that disappear when counterfeit goods are trafficked," said Morton, whose agency is part of the Department of Homeland Security.

The ICE director told a press conference here that most of the websites were based in China and shipped products made in China to the United States.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Horse-drawn wagon delivers White House Christmas tree



U.S. first lady Michelle Obama receives the 2010 White House Christmas Tree at the White House in Washington, November 26, 2010. From L-R are: Christopher Botek (owner of the tree farm), Michelle, Malia and Sasha Obama.

WASHINGTON - A horse-drawn wagon delivered the White House Christmas tree on Friday, with first lady Michelle Obama and her children Sasha and Malia on hand to receive it as a military band played "Oh Christmas Tree."

The family gave the tree - a Douglas fir from Lehigh-ton, Pennsylvania -- a thumbs up before heading back into the White House on a cool day under overcast skies.

The tree will be set up in the White House Blue Room to be decorated by floral department staff and volunteers, according to the National Christmas Tree Association, which has been presenting a tree for the Blue Room annually since 1966.

It said in a statement the tree came from the Christmas Tree farm of Christopher Botek, who earned the honor at an NCTA contest in August.

Palm Beach Life goes Aruba! Beach Team Holland organizes beach volleyball happening at MooMba Beach



Around one hundred recreational volleyball players from Holland will be on Aruba from December 2 to

14 in a sports mood. They will be accompanying the Men's division of Beach Team Holland: a group of top volleyball players, who are travelling to the island for a week-long practice session.

From December 7 - 14 the men will be practicing at MooMba Beach in the mornings; in the afternoons they will teach the tricks of their trade to their fans and three clinics will be taught to school children.

Besides these practice sessions and clinics, an international beach volleyball tournament will be played according to the King of the Beach principle. This means that each player accumulates personal points for their victories, while playing with different partners. Among the Dutch players is three-time European champion and participant of the 1996 Dutch Olympic Gold team in Atlanta, Richard Schuil.

We shall keep you posted about the presence of other internationals on the island. The name of the event is: Palm Beach Life goes Aruba. For more information visit www.beachvolley.nl.

Photos show Richard Schuil in action on Aruba last year and photos of the clinics for schoolchildren, held at Tamarijn.

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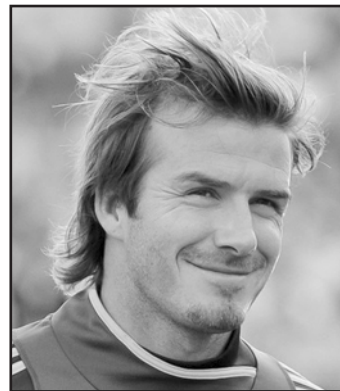
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"We are going to FIFA and a lot of delegates because we need to tell those people about why we feel it is the right thing for us to get the World Cup."

LONDON (AFP) - David Beckham said Monday he hoped he could "make a difference" in England's bid to stage the 2018 World Cup.

The former England captain, who now plays for the LA Galaxy in the US-based Major Soccer League, is preparing for one final charm offensive in Zurich where FIFA, football's global governing body, will vote on the hosts for both the 2018 and 2022 World Cups on Thursday.

Beckham, who made his name as a midfielder with Manchester United, was speaking Monday during a brief stop-over in his home city of London where he was visiting the 2012 Olympic Stadium for the first time.

He was widely praised for his role in garnering the votes that helped London secure the Games in the run-up to the 2012 vote in Singapore five years ago.

Now English football chiefs are banking on the 'Beckham effect' when it comes to the World Cup bid

But the bid process itself has been mired in corruption allegations that have led to the suspension of two members of FIFA's all powerful executive committee following an investigation by Britain's Sunday Times newspaper.

England, despite being the birthplace of football, has staged the World Cup just once - back in 1966 when they won the tournament for the only time.

Now England officials fear their 2018 bid could be undermined just days ahead of the vote by an edition of BBC television's Panorama programme, due to be broadcast Monday, which is set to probe allegations of FIFA corruption.

But Beckham insisted: "I believe it will be a fair decision."

England, Russia and joint bids by Spain-Portugal and Netherlands-Belgium are in the running to host the 2018 World Cup while Australia, the United States, Japan, Qatar and South Korea are bidding for 2022.




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Presidents Cup nets basketball legend Jordan



MELBOURNE (AFP) - Basketball legend Michael Jordan was Monday enlisted to "motivate and inspire" the US Team as they bid to retain golf's Presidents Cup in Melbourne next year.

US captain Fred Couples

named Jordan and decorated golfer Jay Haas as his two assistants, while Internationals

US woman @theashes becomes Twitter celebrity

SYDNEY (AFP) - A US woman with the Twitter name @theashes who was bombarded by messages about cricket was offered a free flight to Australia and started selling her own commemorative T-shirt Monday.

The Massachusetts woman, who usually tweets about knitting and the "Glee" TV show, was the subject of a Twitter campaign, #gettheashes to theashes, after snapping at microblogs about the Ashes series between Australia and England.

"I AM NOT A FREAKING CRICKET MATCH!!!" read an exasperated message on Saturday. "This is not the account of the cricket match. Check profiles before you send mentions, it's incredibly annoying and rude," she wrote earlier.

However, @theashes, whose real name is unknown, later softened her tone, enquiring "what the hell is a

skipper Greg Norman turned to tournament veteran Frank Nobilo with his second pick to be announced later.

Six-time NBA champion Jordan was also Couples' assistant in 2009, when the US Team won the biennial tournament 19 1/2-14 1/2 victory in San Francisco.

"Michael is, of course, one of the greatest athletes of all time, and to have a champion like him in the cabin to help motivate and inspire the team is such a tremendous asset," Couples said.

Norman said Nobilo, a three-time Internationals team member, was his "right-hand man" as his assistant in 2009. The event is at Royal Melbourne Golf Club from November 17-20 next year.

wicket?" and admitting she didn't know whether to support Australia or England.

By Monday, @theashes was offering a self-designed T-shirt for 19.90 US dollars at www.spreadshirt.com, with the slogan "I am not a freaking cricket match!!" with proceeds to #gettheashes to theashes.

"I hope no one is offended by me making T-shirts," she tweeted. "I probably make two cents a shirt. I'm not trying to get rich, just have fun."

Meanwhile #gettheashes to theashes sparked a torrent of interest with Qantas Airways offering a free flight from New York, as Ashes sponsor Vodafone pledged free tickets and a phone and a Ford dealer stumped up a car for her use.

@theashes, who has sent nearly 9,000 tweets about work and daily life, wrote that she was considering Qantas's offer but she also

High fives as Barcelona humiliate Real and Mourinho

MADRID (AFP) - Jose Mourinho had a nightmare first Clasico as champions Barcelona crushed his Real Madrid side 5-0 at Camp Nou on Monday to go two points clear of their bitter rivals at the top of the Spanish first division.

Spanish World Cup winners Xavi and Pedro Rodriguez put Barcelona into a two-goal lead after just 17 minutes and David Villa marked his first Clasico with a brace inside two minutes (54 min, 56) before Jeffren added a late fifth as Mourinho stomached an unforgettable first defeat in charge of Real.

For Barcelona it was a fifth successive Clasico win over their arch rivals as coach Pep Guardiola maintained his 100 percent record in the fixture and exacted revenge

over Mourinho, whose Inter Milan side defeated Barcelona in last season's Champions League semi-finals.

Real went into the game unbeaten and hoping for a first win at Camp Nou since December 2007.

However, Barcelona gave old boy Mourinho, who used to work for the Catalan club as a translator under Bobby Robson, a night to forget with an emphatic win that evoked memories of the 6-2 drubbing of Madrid at the Santiago Bernabeu in May 2009.

It was a huge psychological win for Barca in the title race and the omens are good with the winner of the first Clasico going on to be crowned champions in the last six seasons.

Argentine striker Gonzalo Higuain was a last-minute withdrawal for Real due to injury so French international Karim Benzema was handed a chance to shine on the biggest stage.

Guardiola said Real were the best counter-attacking team in the world but said Barcelona would attack and they were good to their word.

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Anti corruption watchdog urges halt to World Cup race

ZURICH (AFP) - Anti-corruption watchdog Transparency International on Monday called on FIFA to postpone the race to host the 2018 and 2022 World Cups, after renewed media allegations of corruption were made.

The call by the private campaign group came just

days before the executive committee of world football's governing body was due to designate the two host nations under the eyes of a brace of world leaders and stars.

"The decision to award football's World Cup in 2018 and 2022, scheduled for December 2, 2010, must be postponed until full light is shed on the allegations published in the press," Transparency International Switzerland said in a statement.

"These have brought such discredit to the decision-making processes at FIFA that a decision in the current circumstances would only fuel the controversy," it added.

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